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SUBJ: INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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1. PRES MANUEL DA COSTA RECEIVED ALL VISITING DELEGATIONS AT NOON JULY 12. REMAINING STANDING DURING 1-1/2 HOUR CEREMONY WITH PRIMIN MANUEL DE ALVE AT HIS SIDE, EACH DELEGATION RECEIVED SEPARATELY (AND STANDING) FOR PRIVATE CONVERSATION. AFTER INTRODUCING OFFICIAL AMERICAN DELEGATION, EXPRESSING OUR FELICITATIONS AND BEST WISHES, I READ TO PRESIDENT, AND LEFT WITH HIM, THE TEXT OF PRES FORD'S LTR, EXTENDING US RECOGNITION TO NEW COUNTRY AND DESIRE TO ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (REFTEL A). I ALSO READ AND LEFT WITH HIM A LTR SIGNED BY ME ANNOUNCING THE OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE (REFTEL B).

2. PRES DA COSTA EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR BOTH MSGS WHICH HE
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SAID THE NEW GOVT WLD BE STUDYING FURTHER. HE COMMENTED THAT

ALTHOUGH UP TO THIS POINT THE MLFTP HAD NO RELATIONS WITH THE
USG, IT HAD INVITED THE US TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES
BECAUSE IT RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE US ON THE WORLD
SCENE. HE MADE NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
HE SEEMED VERY PLEASED OVER THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER. PROBLEMS
HAD ARISEN ON OTHER OCCASIONS, HE OBSERVED, BECAUSE SO FEW
SAO TOMEANS HAD COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY STUDIES AND SO HAD
DIFFICULTY QUALIFYING FOR SOME OF THE OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS.
AFTER HIS NEW GOVT HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY ITS NEEDS AND POS-
SIBILITIES, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE NEW DISCUSSIONS WITH
US REP TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS. I REPLIED THAT OUR NEW AMB IN
GABON OR OTHER OFFICERS OF THE EMBASSY WOULD BE VISITING SAO
TOME AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE DESIRE OF MY

GOVT AT THIS HISTORIC MOMENT, WAS TO MAKE A GESTURE OF FRIEND-
SHIP TO THE NEW GOVT.

3. AT THIS POINT, AND AS PREARRANGED, CONG DIGGS ADDRESSED A
FEW WORDS TO PRES TO EXPLAIN, UNDER OUR SYSTEM OF GOVT, THE
ROLE AND INTEREST OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IN FOREIGN POLICY AND
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ISSUES. ALSO EXPRESSED ON BEHALF OF REP
COLLINS AND HIMSELF AND 25 MILLION AFRO-AMERICANS, THE PRIDE

FELT ON THIS OCCASION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE.

4. WE TOOK LEAVE OF PRES, EXPRESSING REGRET THAT OUR TIME
SCHEDULE DID NOT PERMIT US TO REMAIN FOR THE DINNER WHICH HE
WAS GIVING THAT EVENING AND WHICH WE HAD NOT KNOWN ABOUT BE-
FORE OUR ARRIVAL.

5. FRIENDLY AND DIRECT IN MANNER, BUT NOT EFFUSIVE, PRES HAND-
LED HIMSELF WITH DIGNITY AND INTELLIGENCE. WE COMMUNICATED IN
FRENCH WHICH HE SPEAKS WITH EASE.
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